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Office of General Counsel.

This letter is my appeal to the Civil Penalty assessment expressed in the letter from Paul Davis of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (WPC Case No. 08-0116) dated May 8, 2008.

As stated in my letter to Ms. Fisher on May 19, 2008, my understanding was that Mr. Rodney Winters, also copied on the Notice of Violation, who was the contractor of the pond in question had previously corresponded satisfactorily with the State (My. Jeremy Coones) regarding the proper filing of the NOC and SWPPP. The pond was completed approximately one year ago, so I assumed there was no further need for a Notice to be on the premises.

Additionally, regarding the violation observed on April 5, 2008 by Mr. Coones' office, the property was at that time under contract for sale and the new owner (William Landers) was in the process of drilling a well. Mr. Landers also asked for Mr. Inters' name, so I assumed they would be in communication regarding additional landscape or pond work. The property was actually sold to Mr. Landers on April 21, well before I received the Notice of potential violation from Mr. Coones' office.

I am a passionate advocate of respecting the environment and have always honored both the letter and the spirit of environmental, hunting and fishing laws. In this instance, I would ask for your forbearance and a lifting of the penalty since I was in the process of transferring ownership of the property in question during the period of apparent violation, and I am quite confident that Mr. Landers, the new owner, will diligently follow all prescribed procedures for securing the pond and the property, so as to not violate any environmental regulation.

Finally, my family and I have been enduring a series of severe financial hardships and the \$1,250 fine represents significant percentage of my year to date wages. We sold the property in question at a loss and only after it was about to be foreclosed on.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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